

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION THAT THE PRESIDENT IS REQUIRED TO OBTAIN IN ADVANCE SPECIFIC STATUTORY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE USE OF U.S. ARMED FORCES IN RESPONSE TO CIVIL UNREST IN LIBYA

HON. RON PAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. PAUL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution expressing the sense of the Congress that the President is required to obtain in advance specific statutory authorization for the use of United States Armed Forces in response to civil unrest in Libya. As many in the administration, Congress, and elsewhere clamor for the President to initiate military action to support those seeking to overthrow the Libyan regime, Congress sits by, as usual, pretending that Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution does not exist. According to this long-ignored section, "The Congress shall have Power To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water."

This is black letter law, not some aspirational statement by our Founders. Their intent was indisputably clear: Congress alone, not the Executive Branch, has the authority and the obligation to declare war if hostilities are to be initiated against a foreign state that has not attacked the United States.

Let us be clear about one thing: for the U.S. to take action to establish a "no fly" zone over all or part of Libya would constitute an act of war against Libya. For the U.S. to establish any kind of military presence on the sovereign territory, waters, or over the airspace of Libya is to engage in a hostile action that requires Congressional authorization.

Whatever we may think about the Gaddafi regime, we must recognize that this is a coup d'etat in a foreign country. What moral right do we have to initiate military action against Libya? Libya has not attacked the United States. Neither the coup leaders nor the regime pose an imminent threat to the United States and therefore, as much as we abhor violence and loss of life, this is simply none of our business.

I would remind my colleagues that we have been here before. In the 1990s we established "no fly" zones and all manner of sanctions against Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq in an attempt to force him from power. When that did not work—at a high cost in Iraqi lives—the U.S. ultimately went to war to achieve these ends. The costs of this war, I do not need to remind my colleague; was much higher even, in U.S. military lives, in Iraqi civilian lives, in our diminished moral standing in the world, in our economy. Yet none of us seem able to learn from an enormous mistake made only a few years ago. Once again a bad man is doing bad things thousands of miles away and once again irresponsible voices are demanding that the U.S. "do something" about it. Will we ever learn? We continue to act as the policemen of the world at our own peril, and as we continue we only accelerate our economic collapse.

Let the supporters of yet another war in the Middle East come forth to make their case for a U.S. attack against Libya. I will strongly op-

pose such a move, but it should be very clear that if a war against Libya is to be initiated it must be declared by the proper Constitutional authority: the U.S. Congress.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. CHINWE OKONKWO

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Dr. Chinwe Okonkwo.

Dr. Chinwe Okonkwo is board certified (and re-certified until 2018) in Internal Medicine. She is the Medical Director of Tina Medical PC, at 8925 Flatlands Ave., and Rutland Medical Plaza, in Brooklyn. She remains affiliated with and actively treats patients at New York Methodist Hospital, Brookdale University Hospital, Brooklyn's Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center, and two Long Island hospitals: Good Samaritan Hospital and Southside Hospital.

Dr. Chinwe Okonkwo is experienced in both Medical and Epidemiological Research. She was one of the research investigators that participated in Blood Pressure Research on longitudinal observational study of blood pressure success. She also participated in a research program focusing on migraine headaches, helping to bring powerful migraine headache medication from Europe to the United States as part of the research investigation in 2003.

Dr. Okonkwo received numerous awards: a Certificate of Medical Achievement Awards by the Medical Society of the County of Kings Inc.; the Academy of Medicine of Brooklyn; State of New York Executive Chamber, Certificate of Recognition by Governor David Paterson; the New York State Senate 22nd District Certificate of Medical Achievement Award; the New York State Assembly Certificate of Medical Merit Award; the Kingsbrook Jewish Hospital's President's Award; the prestigious Family Service Network of New York Award; and the Strathmore's Lifetime Professional Membership Award, from 2004 to the present. She was also awarded one of America's Registry's Top 10 Members in HealthCare Profession by America's Registry of Outstanding Professionals 2009 to present. In light of this award, she participated in skilled training programs with the World Health Organization ("WHO") in the areas of Family Planning, Counseling and Management in Nigeria; in 1998, she was awarded a Certificate of Achievement by the Medical Director of WHO from the United States. She also played an essential role in establishing several rural medical centers for the poor in the Enugu State of Nigeria from 1986 to 1990, when she relocated to the United States for further education.

Dr. Okonkwo has more than 24 years of medical experience. She has lived, worked and been involved with the families of Brooklyn for the past 20 years. In spite of her hectic schedule, Dr. Chinwe Okonkwo remains a dedicated and family-centered mother and wife. She is also the CEO/Founder of Hope Outreach Inc, a not for profit 501(c)(3).

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the life of Dr. Chinwe Okonkwo.

IN HONOR OF THE 163RD ANNIVERSARY OF THE 1848-1849 HUNGARIAN REVOLUTION

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 163rd Anniversary of the 1848-1849 Hungarian Revolution and the valiant contribution of the Hungarian people to those efforts. The European revolutions of 1848-1849, known as the "Spring of Nations," will always remind us that independence, self-rule, and democracy can never be permanently extinguished in any society.

The year 1848 marked a momentous occasion for the nations of Europe. All across the continent, oppressed people rose up to attempt to secure their liberty and freedom. The people of Hungary followed suit and attempted to overthrow the oppressors in the Habsburg monarchy.

March 15th marked the day that the Hungarians made their stand. They marched, collectively as Hungarians, to demand their rights. In solidarity, they marched and demonstrated until their ruling governors had no choice, but to relinquish to them their freedom and liberty.

Today, we see Hungary as a regional success story for democracy and civil society. This eventual, if delayed, victory shows us that though the road to democracy is not always an easy one, the spirit of people will ultimately prevail in the determined march toward democracy.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honoring the values of freedom, independence, and democracy that the Hungarians demanded in 1848. The Hungarian Revolution of 1848 stands as a reminder and inspiration of the undying desire of any society to be free and independent.

CONGRATULATING THE NEOSHO, MISSOURI, HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING TEAM

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. LONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Neosho High School Wrestling Team for winning the Missouri Class 3 State Championship.

One might not think of a team when you think of wrestling, but wrestling is a team sport. These young champions, River Buttram, Tanner Schaack, Nate Rodriguez, Trevor Hughes, Paxon Fowler, Rimo Elwise, Carter Boatright, Ethan Pogue, Payne Hatter, Chase Espinosa, Blake Stauffer, Dallas Smith, Matt Millard, and Riley Plew are a team. They trained as one, they competed as one, and together though their hard work and dedication they won the Missouri Class 3 State Championship.

Of course, the wrestlers aren't the only champions; they had an outstanding team of talented coaches supporting them and guiding them along the way. I commend Head Coach Jeremy Phillips and assistant coaches Cody

Crocker, Josh Sonis, Dane Espinosa, and Trey Jackson on an amazing accomplishment and a job well done.

The Neosho wrestling team had an unfair advantage against their opponents: their friends, family, and fans attended the tournaments, cheered them on throughout the wrestling season, and followed them to Columbia for the state championships. The Neosho community is justifiably proud of their team, and the team is fortunate to have such strong support from their community.

As if winning a state championship isn't enough of an accomplishment, the Neosho High School Wrestling Team has the distinct honor of winning it two years in a row. This shows that our athletes and coaches in Neosho are among the best in America and can stand proud in their accomplishments.

But even more important than that, the Neosho wrestling team will have memories to last a lifetime. They've had that extraordinarily opportunity to live the dream of anyone who has ever dreamed of competing with the best and achieving victory.

I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating the Neosho High School Wrestling Team, the Missouri Class 3 State Champions.

HONORING CORPORAL JONATHAN W. TAYLOR, HOMOSASSA, FLORIDA

HON. RICHARD B. NUGENT

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. NUGENT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Corporal Jonathan W. Taylor, of Homosassa, Florida who died on February 22, 2011 while conducting combat operations in the Helmand Province of Afghanistan.

Growing up, Corporal Taylor always knew that he wanted to one day become a Marine. As a student at Lecanto High School, he was an active member of the JROTC Program and participated in the Yankeetown U.S. Navy Sea Cadet corps.

In October 2007, Corporal Taylor was deployed on his first combat tour of duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Following that tour, he was also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom three separate times. While his unit was not deployed during his second to last tour, Corporal Taylor bravely volunteered to go back to Afghanistan to continue the fight with his fellow Marines.

Corporal Taylor was laid to rest today with full military honors at Arlington Cemetery. Now beside his fellow brothers in uniform, his parents say they are proud to see him off on what they like to call his fifth and final tour of duty on behalf of this great country.

As a nation, we owe our fallen heroes and their families a debt that can never truly be repaid. Corporal Taylor courageously made the ultimate sacrifice for his fellow Marines and for our country. I am humbled to have the opportunity to honor a true American hero today.

AMERICAN MEMORIAL PARK ANNEX IN TINIAN

HON. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN

OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, March 15, 2011

Mr. SABLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I am reintroducing the American Memorial Park Annex in Tinian Act at the request of Senators Jude U. Hofschneider and Francisco Cruz, and many of the people of Tinian, one of the Northern Mariana Islands I represent.

The bill, which I also introduced late in the last Congress, authorizes the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, to establish an annex of the American Memorial Park, located on the island of Saipan, on the adjacent island of Tinian.

Tinian is only 39 square miles in area. But the island played an outside role in ending World War II.

While a military lease of two-thirds of Tinian precludes any set-aside of the historical land on Tinian, creating an annex of the American Memorial Park, a repository for artifacts to be displayed, and a locus for the interest of visitors to Tinian and locals alike, would be appropriate.

I am submitting for the record the letter of request from Senators Hofschneider and Cruz. I am also submitting NMI Senate Resolution No. 17-37 that supports the establishment of annex. The Resolution refers to H.R. 6380, the bill number from the 111th Congress. But the language of today's bill is essentially the same as H.R. 6380.

I ask that my colleagues support the American Memorial Park Annex in Tinian Act.

NORTHERN MARIANAS
COMMONWEALTH LEGISLATURE,
Saipan, MP, March 14, 2011.

Hon. GREGORIO KILILI CAMACHO SABLAN,
Delegate, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Cannon House Office Building, Washington, DC.

DEAR CONGRESSMAN: I am writing to request your reintroduction of legislation authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annex of the American Memorial Park in Saipan, on the Island of Tinian.

The North Field on Tinian has been designated as one of the most important World War II (WWII) sites in the Pacific. The North Field was used as the launching point for the dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan during WWII, in addition to the strategic bombing of Japan. Many historians believe use of the Atomic bomb ended America's war with the Japanese expeditiously, saving the lives hundreds of thousands, if not millions of lives had the U.S. naval and ground forces invaded Japan.

On June 18, 2009, I wrote you regarding adding Tinian's North Field to the national park system. However, as I stated in that letter, the U.S. military leases approximately two thirds of Tinian, and their training needs preclude inclusion. On December 23, 2009, the National Park Service suggested several options to recognize the North Field such as brochures, an interpretive film and providing interpretive tours on Saipan. While these suggestions are a good start, the people of Tinian feel a permanent memorial, the Tinian Annex of the American Memorial Park, will appropriately recognize the historic role of Tinian in WWII.

The Tinian Delegation of the Commonwealth Legislature, Senator Cruz and me,

and the Mayor and Municipal Council of Tinian and Aguiguan humbly encourage you to assist us with this legislation to obtain the Tinian Annex to the American Memorial Park. Such a memorial appropriately recognizes the historic role of Tinian in WWII.

Thank you for your consideration,
Sincerely,

JUDE U. HOFSCHEIDER,
Senator, CNMI Legislature.

FRANCISCO Q. CRUZ,
Senator, CNMI Legislature.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 17-37

Whereas, the people of Tinian agreed to sacrifice two-thirds of their island to the United States Department of Defense in support of the creation of "The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America"; and

Whereas, this unique relationship is codified at 48 U.S.C. § 1801; and

Whereas, Federal Public Law 94-241 (H.J. Res. 549) was adopted on March 24, 1976 to approve "The Covenant to Establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in Political Union with the United States of America," and for other purposes; and

Whereas, Federal Public Law 95-348, passed on 18 August 1978 by the United States Congress, authorized and directed the National Park Service "to develop, maintain and administer the American Memorial Park . . . for the primary purpose of honoring the dead in the World War II Mariana Islands campaign"; and

Whereas, Federal Public Law 95-348 further stated that "[o]ther points in the Northern Mariana Islands relevant to the park may be identified, established, and marked by the Secretary in agreement with the Governor of Northern Mariana Islands"; and

Whereas, the Marianas Islands Range Complex Record of Decision was signed on August 20, 2010; and

Whereas, the Record of Decision noted that the North Field National Historic Landmark will be closed to the public during certain exercises; and

Whereas, the North Field National Historic Landmark is essential to the historic preservation and promotion of Tinian as a tourist destination; and

Whereas, on September 29, 2010, CNMI Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan introduced into the United States Congress H.R. 6380, a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the National Park Service, to establish an annex in Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, as an extension of the American Memorial Park located in Saipan; and

Whereas, H.R. 6380, the "American Memorial Park Annex in Tinian Act," directs that the annex be used to interpret historical events related to the World War II Marianas Campaign and for curatorial storage of World War II artifacts; and

Whereas, H.R. 6380 has been referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, for which Congressman Sablan has requested a legislative hearing as soon as possible; and

Whereas, the Tinian Leadership is working diligently with CNMI Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan to increase National Park Service activity on Tinian, through the establishment of a center that would interpret historical events and impart our cultural heritage: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Senate of the Seventeenth Northern Marianas Commonwealth Legislature supports the passage of H.R. 6380 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish an annex in Tinian as an extension